

Patent Claims

1. Method for notifying a user's transmission and service costs of using telecommunications systems, especially for packet-oriented data transmission and for Internet and online data, **characterized in that** the service provider (4) determines fee information on the total costs incurred during a continued connection, either in real time during, or after, a connection by using access to its own fee database and using access to the comparable facilities (7, 9) of service or content suppliers (6) involved and telecommunication and transmission systems (3, 5) involved and transmits the data, on request or automatically, to the terminal (1) of the user.
2. Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the fee data management is carried out in the fee databases and all user-specific and service-specific fee terms and user-specific contract data (prices, bonuses, subscriptions, blocks, etc.) are stored.
3. Method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized in that**, depending on the embodiment implemented, access by the service provider to the fee databases (7,9) of the service and content supplier (6) and the telecommunication systems (3) is carried out automatically by direct transmission of the portion of costs by the service agencies (6,3) involved or as a response to a specific inquiry by the user at the start of the connection.
4. Method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized in that** an automatic access by the service provider to the corresponding data records in the databases (7,9) of the service agencies (6,3) involved occurs.

5. Method according to one of claims 1 to 4, **characterized in that** the percentages of costs incurred are updated, preferably automatically, by the service agencies involved (4,6,3).
6. Method according to one of claims 1 to 5, **characterized in that** the data access to the databases (7,9) and the data transmitted are preferably protected against misuse with a suitable method.
7. Method according to one of claims 1 to 6, **characterized in that** the fee information to be transferred by the service provider to the terminal (1) can optionally be configured in type and scope of the delivery using configuration by the user.
8. Method according to one of claims 1 to 7, **characterized in that** an automatic continuously-updated delivery occurs of only the fee total or an individual voucher regarding the fees.
9. Method according to one of claims 1 to 8, **characterized in that** a viewing of the user into the fee data in the service provider database occurs, whereby the user configuration option is preferably protected against misuse with a suitable method.
10. Method according to one of claims 1 to 9, **characterized in that** the fee information is prepared as needed at the terminal specifically for the individual and is displayed in more or less detailed form on the user's terminal (1).
11. Method according to one of claims 1 to 10, **characterized in that** if necessary, a post processing of the fee data takes place in the user's terminal (1), whereby different display formats and degrees of detail can be shown.

12. Method according to one of claims 1 to 11, **characterized in that** the software part (client) at the terminal, which works together with the service provider's (4) database, is placed directly within the access or browser software.
13. Method according to one of claims 1 to 12, **characterized in that** a transmission by the service provider of especially marked forecast data (quoted costs) is carried out for upcoming cost-intensive service or transmission offerings, which is carried out by determining the service and/or transmission costs involved in cooperation with the connected service agencies (6) and communications systems (3).
14. Method according to one of claims 1 to 13, **characterized in that**, by using additional menu items at the terminal, the user can request usage of services and/or transmissions at a later point in time, at which a more economical usage occurs by automatic activation by the terminal or alternatively, by the service provider.
15. Method according to one of claims 1 to 14, **characterized in that** the user can initiate an immediate transmission of the data offered by a remote Internet service provider to the service provider (4), whereby the data transmission of the data involved between service provider (4) and terminal (1) occurs at a later time.